loth September SIR THOMAS POSTHUMUS HOBY'S COMPLAINT

Little Sir Thomas Posthumus Hoby (that married Mistress Sidney who was formerly wife to Mr Walter Devereux, my Lord of Essex's brother) maketh great complaint of a misdemeanour offered in his house by Mr William Eure, son of the Lord Eure, Sir William Eure and others About a fortnight since, Sir Thomas was standing in his Hall at Hackness in Yorkshire when there came m Sir William Eure's footboy and said that his master and sundry other gentlemen would come that night Sir Thomas answered that he was sorry, his wife was ill, and he not so well provided for them as he wished, and desired the footboy to tell as much to his master, who answered that his master was hunting and he knew not where to find him About two hours after, Mr William Eure, Sir William, three gentlemen and the Lord Eure's yeoman faulconer came to Hackness with sundry other servants and boys, and Sir Thomas hearing they were come into his dining room went to them and told them they were welcome Presently after this Sir William Eure's footboy took forth cards and laid them on the table, wherewith some of the gentlemen were exercised till supper Sir Thomas stayed with them all the time at supper, which was spent by the gentlemen partly in discoursing of horses and dogs (sports where-unto Sir Thomas protesteth he never applied himself), partly with lascivious tales where every sentence was begun or ended with a great oath, and partly in inordinate drinking unto healths (abuses never practised by Sir Thomas) After supper Sir Thomas willed to have their chambers made ready and came himself to bring them to their lodgings , but they

being at dice
told him they would play awhile So he did leave them, and
went down and set his household to prayers as they were accus-
tomed When Sir Thomas and his family had begun to sing a
psalm, the company above made an extraordinary noise with
their feet, and some of them stood upon the stairs at a window
opening into the hall and laughed all the time of prayers

The next morning they went to breakfast in the dining room,
and Sir Thomas hearing them call for more wine, sent for the
key of the cellar, and told them they should come by no more
wine from him Then Sir Thomas sent to Mr Eure to know
how he would bestow that day, and told him if he would leave